

OPINION 2136 (Case 3311)***Bathyporeia elegans* Watkin, 1938 (Crustacea, Amphipoda): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Bathyporeia elegans* Watkin, 1938, for a common species of amphipod, is conserved by the suppression of the senior homonym *Bathyporeia elegans* Crawford, 1937.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the name *elegans* Crawford, 1937, as published in the binomen *Bathyporeia elegans*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *elegans* Watkin, 1938, as published in the binomen *Bathyporeia elegans* and as defined by the lectotype (Zoologisk Museum i Oslo, ZMO F2656) designated by d'Udekem d'Acoz (2004), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *elegans* Crawford, 1937, as published in the binomen *Bathyporeia elegans* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3311

An application to conserve the specific name of *Bathyporeia elegans* Watkin, 1938, threatened by the senior homonym *Bathyporeia elegans* Crawford, 1937, was received from Cédric d'Udekem d'Acoz and Wim Vader (*Tromso Museum, University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway*) on 3 February 2004. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 61: 162–164 (September 2004). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2005 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 61: 163. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2005 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 21: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Calder, Fortey, Halliday, Kerzhner, Lamas, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Nielsen, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Song, Štys and van Tol.

Negative votes – none.

Voting for, Ng commented that it is 'not an ideal situation all round, but a yes vote will move things forward at least'. Also voting for, Štys commented that he is still in doubt that the name *Bathyporeia elegans* Crawford, 1937 exists and is available. It is simply a lapsus calami concerning Sars's (1891) name, and has, in his opinion, no status in nomenclature.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

elegans, *Bathyporeia*, Watkin, 1938, *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*, **23**: 222.

elegans, *Bathyporeia*, Crawford, 1937, *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*, **21**: 639.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Bathyporeia elegans* Watkin, 1938:

Udekem d'Acoz, C. d'. 2004. *Zoologische Verhandelingen*, **348**: 33.